

From: rodb@slugo.corp.sgi.com (Rod Beckwith)
Subject: USAF Squats on Area51 land.
Date: 13 Sep 93 14:07:48 GMT
Organization: Silicon Graphics, Inc.

Hello all,

Scarfed this from skunk-works-digest mailing list, thought it might be of interest:

From: TRADER@cup.portal.com
Date: Sun, 12 Sep 93 20:23:55 PDT
Subject: USAF: Squatters??

At the local federal documents depository, I noticed something that leads me to believe the USAF may be "squatting" (illegally occupying) on Area 51 (the Groom Lake facility). I read a copy of the House of Representatives report 98-1046 (98th Congress, 2nd session) about how the USAF got the land around Groom Mountain. The Congressmen indicated that the Air Force had taken control of the land, and now they were trying to make it legal by getting Congressional approval. According to this document, the Air Force was supposed to give the land back to the Dept. of the Interior on December 31, 1987. (The Congressional bill for this is in H.R. 4932). Now, as we all know, the Air Force still has control of the land, even though the (presumed) purpose of using it for "Senior Trend" (F-117A) testing has been completed. I have been unable to find any document indicating an extension to the Air Force's control of the land, so I think the Air Force is squatting on the Groom Lake facility. Does anyone know of any legal basis for the USAF using this land? (Yes, I know the Air Force tends to ignore the law and I wouldn't be surprised if they were squatting.)

(Interesting footnote: if I read the legislation correctly, the Air Force is not allowed to conduct bombing or live-firing exercises at Groom Lake, because the Interior Department had concerns about the effects on desert wildlife.)

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Datacom I/S	"The great obstacle of progress is not ignorance,	Nite
rodb@corp.sgi.com	but the illusion of knowledge."	Net
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From: rodb@slugo.corp.sgi.com (Rod Beckwith)
Newsgroups: alt.paranet.ufo
Subject: Air Force gets land surrounding A51
Date: 25 Oct 93 15:34:19 GMT
Organization: Silicon Graphics, Inc.

Hello all

Well, it's now official.....the plot thickens.....

Read it & weep folks,

RodTo: skunk-works-digest@ecn.purdue.edu

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In this issue:

Air Forcs Withdraws Land Adjacent to Groom Lake
Re: Groom Lake

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skunk-works
or skunk-works-digest mailing lists and on how to retrieve back issues.

From: larry@ichips.intel.com
Date: Fri, 22 Oct 1993 15:21:07 -0700
Subject: Air Forcs Withdraws Land Adjacent to Groom Lake

Well I guess it's official.

The air Force will "withdraw" an additional 3900 acres of public land
adjacent to the test facility at Groom lake for 2 years (Federal Register,
10/18/93, page 53745).

Included in the withdrawal (siezure?) are key vantage points like Freedom
Ridge and White Sides, used by the public to view the secret
unacknowledged
facility at Groom Lake.

According to Air Force Secretary Sheila E. Widnall, the siezure of public
land "is necessary for the safe and secure operation" of the nearby
facilities.

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extravagant security measures of the most secure of cold war bases,
are now somehow deficient, after the cold war is over.

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nations will be allowed to fly over and photograph the site at Groom Lake,
whose very existence is a liberty denied to Americans.

Larry

From: dnadams@nyx.cs.du.edu (Dean Adams)
Date: Fri, 22 Oct 93 23:52:30 MDT
Subject: Re: Groom Lake

Larry says...

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>land adjacent to the test facility at Groom lake for 2 years

Hmm... so what happens after 2 years?

(and what happens at Groom Lake DURING those 2 years! :)

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>extravagant security measures of the most secure of cold war bases,
>are now somehow deficient, after the cold war is over.

Yes, that is quite "curious" indeed.

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>nations will be allowed to fly over and photograph the site at Groom
Lake,
>whose very existence is a liberty denied to Americans.

But one "liberty" they have NOT denied us is the spending of countless Billions of our tax dollars on the place... with no doubt a very large percentage paying for nothing but keeping it secret. I suppose one liberty they will never deny is us blissful ignorance. But of course i'm sure its for our own good, since if the general public knew about the existance of a Mach 6+ reconnaissance aircraft, it would probably cause mass hysteria! :->

- -dean

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